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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES: ETHNIC CHINESE

REF: STATE 216116, GENEVA 6892

1. SINCE JULY 1975, A TOTAL OF 22 VIETNAMESE REFUGEE GROUPS
(565 PERSONS) ESCAPING FROM VIETNAM BY BOAT ARRIVED IN
THE PHILIPPINES. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, OF THE 565
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FIGURE, ONLY 11 ARE DEFINITELY ETHNIC CHINESE. THESE REFUGEES DEPARTED VIETNAM ABOARD A FISHING TRAWLER AND MADE THEIR WAY TO THE PHILIPPINES ARRIVING AT SUBIC BAY ON 28 JUNE 76. THEIR EXPRESSED WISH IS TO PROCEED ON TO TAIWAN, THEIR ORIGINAL DESTINATION. UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR TRAWLER IS NO LONGER SEAWORTHY AND COULD NOT MAKE THE VOYAGE UNLESS EXTENSIVELY OVERHAULED. UNHCR'S EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE ENTRY OF THIS GROUP INTO TAIWAN BY AIR HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THE UNHCR REP HERE INFORMED EMBOFF HE IS NOT PERMITTED TO APPROACH THE TAIWAN REPRESENTATIVES BECUASE THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES PEKING. FROM HIS UNOFFICIAL APPROACHES TO THE TAIPEI REPRESENTATIVES, HE HAS LEARNED THAT THE ROC IS APPARENTLY UNWILLING TO DOCUMENT THIS GROUP FOR ENTRY INTO TAIWAN. IN THE MEANTIME, THE GROUP IS LIVING IN SEMI-CONFINEMENT IN OLONGAPO CITY (NEAR SUBIC NAVAL BASE) AND IS BEING SUPPORTED BY THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW LACK OF OFFICIAL UNHCR LISISON WITH ROC, WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF U.S. REPRESENTATIONS IN TAIPEI IN EFFORT TO HAVE ROC ACCEPT THESE 11 REFUGEES.
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